



# U.S. Consulate General Montreal, Canada

Please follow the steps below before attending your immigrant visa interview at the U.S. Consulate General in Montreal, Canada.

## Step 1: Register your interview appointment online with our free courier service before attending the visa interview

**Each visa applicant** on your case must separately register his/her appointment online **before** the interview. Registering your appointment gives us the information we need to return your passport and visa packet after your interview. Registration is free; just click the "Register" button below. You may only reschedule your appointment after you have registered it online **and** your initial interview date has passed.

[Register](#)

## Step 2: Get a medical exam in Canada before attending your interview

As soon as you receive your appointment date, you must schedule a medical exam with one of the consulate-approved doctors **in Canada**. Click the "Medical Exam Instructions" button below for a list of designated physicians in Canada. Please schedule and attend a medical exam with one of our approved physicians before your interview. Note the medical results may take up to one (1) week to obtain, so please schedule your medical exam accordingly. Your medical results must be available on the day of your interview.

[Medical Exam Instructions](#)

## Step 3: Complete your pre-interview checklist and gather original documents

It is important that you bring all required **original** documents to your interview. We have created a checklist that will assist you in determining what documents are required at the interview. Please print the checklist below and bring it to your interview along with your original documents pertaining to your case.

[Pre-Interview Checklist](#)

## Step 4: Review interview guidelines

Read our interview guidelines to learn about any special actions that you need to take **before** your visa interview.

[Interview Guidelines](#)

## Contact information

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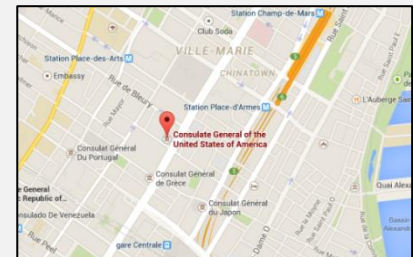
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[Call Center](#)

Email:  
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Website:  
[ca.usembassy.gov](http://ca.usembassy.gov)

Cancel and Reschedule:  
[ais.usvisa-info.com](http://ais.usvisa-info.com)

Map:



## Other links

- [Diversity visa instructions](#)
- [After your interview](#)
- [Frequently asked questions](#)
- [Where to get civil Documents](#)

## Social media



## Interview Preparation Video





## Medical Exam Instructions

All immigrant visa applicants, regardless of age, require a medical examination prior to attending their visa interview. Only an approved physician accredited by the U.S. Consulate General in Montreal can perform the medical examination. **It is each applicant's responsibility to schedule a medical exam with one of the approved doctors listed below before your visa interview.** Medical exam results may take up to one (1) week to obtain, so please schedule your medical exam accordingly. The consular officer must have your exam results at the time of your visa interview. Medical examination results from other physicians will not be accepted.

### Approved physicians

#### **BRITISH COLUMBIA**

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#### **QUEBEC**

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Tel: 514-499-2777 ext. 3500  
Tel: 1-800-499-1394 ext. 3500

### Items to bring to your medical examination

You should bring the following items to your medical exam:

- Your visa interview appointment letter with MTL case number,
- Your passport or your travel document,
- Five (5) recently taken passport-sized color photographs, and
- A copy of your immunization records.

You must pay all medical examination fees, including x-ray and blood test fees, directly to the examining physician. Any required vaccinations and additional tests will be charged separately.

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# Medical Exam Instructions

## During the medical exam

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The medical examination will include a medical history review, physical examination, and chest X-ray, gonorrhea test, and blood test (for applicants 15 years of age or older). The United States also requires tuberculosis (TB) testing for all applicants two years of age and older. Please be prepared to discuss your medical history, medications you are taking, and current treatments you are undergoing. More information on general medical requirements for U.S. immigrants is available [here](#).

U.S. immigration law requires immigrant visa applicants to obtain certain vaccinations prior to the issuance of a visa. Current immigrant visa vaccination requirements are available [here](#). You can also read Frequently Asked Questions about our medical examination requirements [online](#).

## After completing the medical exam

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Several days after completing the medical examination, the doctor will provide each applicant with the medical exam result in a sealed envelope. **DO NOT OPEN THIS SEALED ENVELOPE.**

**IMPORTANT: Each applicant must pick up his/her medical exam results from the physician's office and bring them to the visa interview. The consular officer cannot complete your visa interview if you do not bring your medical exam results to the interview.**

## Pre-Interview Checklist ☒



Please use the list below to determine the items that every applicant must bring to the immigrant visa interview. Any documents that are not in English must be accompanied by a certified English translation.

*If you do not bring all of the original documents that are required for each visa applicant, we cannot issue a visa.*

- ☐ A copy of your **NVC interview letter** (does not apply to Diversity Visa, fiancé(e), adoptive, or asylee/refugee applicants).
- ☐ **Unexpired passport** valid for six (6) months beyond your intended date of entry to the United States and a photocopy of the biographic page (where your name and photo are located).
- ☐ Two (2) recently taken **photos** of each person applying for a visa (5 cm x 5 cm). Please see our [online photo requirements](#).
- ☐ **Medical examination results** in a sealed envelope from an approved physician (see [Step 2](#)).
- ☐ Your **original birth certificate** and that of your petitioner if applicable, English translation, and a photocopy.
- ☐ Original or certified copies of birth certificates for all children of the principal applicant (*even if he or she is not accompanying*).
- ☐ *If you are married:* Your **original marriage certificate**, English translation, and a photocopy for each applicant.
- ☐ *If you were previously married or your petitioner was:* All **original final divorce or spouse's death certificate(s)**, English translation, and a photocopy.
- ☐ *If your name has changed:* The **original court name change document** and a photocopy.
- ☐ *If you are adopted:* **Adoption papers or custody documents**, English translation, and a photocopy.
- ☐ *If you are older than 16 years of age:* The **original police certificate** from your country of current residence, any countries where you lived for more than 12 months, and any country where you have been arrested. If you previously submitted a police certificate to NVC, it is more than one (1) year old, and you still live in that country, you **must** obtain and bring a more recent police certificate to your visa interview as the one you previously submitted will have expired. You can find information on when police certificates are required and how to get them on our [website](#).
- ☐ *If you have ever been convicted of a crime:* The **original court and criminal records**, English translation, and a photocopy.
- ☐ *If you have served in any country's military:* **Military records**, English translation, and a photocopy.
- ☐ *If you previously submitted to NVC an I-864 affidavit of support (AOS):* Bring proof of your **petitioner's legal status** in the United States (photocopy of a U.S. passport, birth certificate, naturalization certificate, or legal permanent resident card) and their **federal U.S. tax return** (Form 1040) from the previous year.
- ☐ *If you previously submitted to NVC an I-864EZ affidavit of support (AOS):* Bring proof of your **petitioner's legal status** in the United States (photocopy of a U.S. passport, birth certificate, naturalization certificate, or legal permanent resident card) and a copy of the **petitioner's Form(s) W-2** from the previous tax year.
- ☐ *If you previously submitted to NVC an I-864 affidavit of support (AOS) completed by a joint sponsor (not the petitioner):* Bring proof of the **joint sponsor's legal status** in the United States (photocopy of a U.S. passport, birth certificate, naturalization certificate, or legal permanent resident card) and their **federal U.S. tax return** (Form 1040) from the previous year. If the joint sponsor's tax return includes a spouse, then the spouse must complete Form I-864A.
- ☐ *For employment-based visa applications:* A **letter** from your U.S.-based employer dated less than one month ago.
- ☐ *If you are the petitioner's stepchild:* The **original marriage certificate** of the petitioner and your biological parent, and a photocopy along with divorce records for any previous marriages of either parent.



# Interview Guidelines

## Security screening procedures

All visa applicants to the U.S. Consulate in Montreal must follow certain security procedures. Any applicant who declines to be screened by U.S. Consulate security personnel will be unable to enter the consulate. To avoid delaying your entry, please only bring the necessary required documents needed for your interview. Please click [here](#) for the security procedures.

## Accompanying persons

Attorneys are **not** permitted to accompany clients into the consulate. Only the following persons may accompany a visa applicant to their interview:

- Interpreter: Applicants may bring ONE interpreter if they do not speak English or French well enough to participate in an interview.
- Special Needs Visitors: Applicants may bring ONE person to help if they are elderly or disabled.

## Immigrant visa fees

If you have not paid all required fees to either the National Visa Center or via the appointment website, please be prepared to pay these fees on the day of your interview.

All fees may be paid in either U.S. dollars or the Canadian dollar equivalent. We accept cash and credit cards only. *Please note that if you are found ineligible to receive a visa, the application fee cannot be refunded.* A complete list of fees can be found [here](#).

## Do not make travel plans outside of Canada

If your visa is approved, we will keep your passport at the consulate for up to two (2) weeks while we prepare your immigration packet and print your visa. We will return your passport to you via courier services only (see [Step 1](#)). If you have to travel within Canada while your passport is still with us, please make sure you have a valid picture ID other than your passport.

## Rescheduling or cancelling your interview

If you are unable to attend your appointment, please go to [ais.usvisa-info.com](https://ais.usvisa-info.com) to select a new appointment date. **There may be a significant wait before the next available appointment**, so please attempt to attend the initial interview date scheduled by NVC. For some family-based and employment preference visa categories, a visa became available within the month you have been scheduled by NVC. **There is no guarantee that a visa will still be available on the date of your rescheduled interview.** Please carefully consult the [Visa Bulletin](#) to make sure a visa is still available in the month you have selected before rescheduling your interview.

**Please note:** You need to register your original NVC/KCC appointment online before you can reschedule it. Rescheduling is only possible on a date after your assigned appointment.

## After Your Visa Interview



A consular officer can make a decision on a visa application only after reviewing the formal application and interviewing the applicant. ***There is no guarantee that you will receive a visa.*** We recommend you do not sell your house, car or property, resign from your job or make non-refundable flight or other travel arrangements until you have received your immigrant visa.

### If more information is needed

Sometimes a consular officer is unable to make a decision on a visa application because the officer needs to review additional documents or the case requires further administrative processing. *When additional documents are requested*, the consular officer will give you a refusal letter that asks you to submit additional documents. The letter will include instructions on how to send those documents to the consulate via a courier service. *Administrative processing* takes additional time after the interview. Most administrative processing is resolved within 60 days after the interview. However, the timing varies based on the circumstances of each case. Before inquiring about the status of administrative processing, please wait at least 60 days after your interview.

### What happens after visa approval

**Passport, Visa, and Sealed Immigrant Packet** – We will place your immigrant visa on a page in your passport. Please review your issued visa for accuracy and note the visa expiry date. We will also give you a sealed envelope containing documents that you must give to U.S. immigration authorities when you arrive in the United States for the first time. ***Do not open this envelope. You must carry it with you. Do not put it in your checked luggage.*** If you receive X-rays during your medical examination, you must also carry those with you and give them to the U.S. immigration authorities.

**When You Should Travel** – You must enter the United States *before* the expiration date on your issued visa. Your visa cannot be extended and all visa fees paid are nonrefundable. The principal applicant must enter **before or at the same time** as all accompanying family members with visas. Unless they are eligible for benefits under the Child Status Protection Act, children who are issued a visa before turning 21 years of age must enter the United States **before** their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday to avoid losing their immigrant status.

**USCIS Immigrant Fee** – All individuals who are issued immigrant visas overseas must **pay an [Immigrant Fee](#)** to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) **prior to traveling** to the United States. This fee is for processing your residency status and printing your Permanent Resident Card. The only people exempt from paying this fee are: children entering the United States under the Hague Process, returning residents, and people traveling on a fiancé(e) (K) visa.

**Getting a Green Card** – Your Form I-551 Permanent Resident Card, also known as a green card, will be automatically mailed to the address in the United States that you write in your DS-260 online visa application form. This is an important document that proves you have permission to reside in the United States. *If you plan to travel outside the U.S. before your green card arrives:* Please consult [USCIS's](#) and [CBP's](#) websites for rules about what documents you need to re-enter the country. We also recommend you check with the airline to ensure you are in compliance with their rules. *Once your card is issued, you should not stay outside of the United States for more than one year. If you do, you will lose your status as a Lawful Permanent Resident.*

**Children's Issues** – In the United States, children are required to have certain vaccinations before they can enroll in school. We recommend that you bring your child's complete vaccination records with you to the United States. If your child is adopted, you have full custody as a result of a divorce, or you share custody with another parent, you should bring a copy of all applicable adoption or custody papers from the authoritative court in your home country. You will need these papers (translated into English) for issues such as school enrollment, medical care, and eventual citizenship.

**Information for New Immigrants** – Please visit the USCIS web page for helpful information on moving to the United States. You can read their publication "[Welcome to the United States: A Guide for New Immigrants](#)" online.



## Diversity Visa Applicants – Additional Information



If you are interviewing for a Diversity Visa (DV), all of the above instructions apply to you. Please schedule and attend a [medical examination](#) prior to your visa interview, enroll in the [required courier service](#), and gather the required documents that pertain to your application.

*Below are additional instructions that apply **only** to DV applicants.*

### Bring to your interview

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In addition to the documents listed on the [Pre-Interview Checklist](#) in this package, DV applicants should also bring the following items to your visa interview:

- ☐ Appointment information printed from the “Entrant Status Check” on the [E-DV website](#).
- ☐ Documents showing that you have either a qualifying High School diploma **OR** two (2) years of qualifying work experience in the five (5) years immediately prior to the application (for the principal applicant only; more information is available [online](#)).
- ☐ You will be charged a visa application fee of US \$330 per applicant in cash or by any major credit card.

### Review your DV Lottery entry

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Prior to your DV interview, we recommend that you review the data on your initial E-DV entry. On your initial E-DV application, you must have correctly entered your marital status. If you are legally married you must have listed your spouse, even if you are currently separated from him/her (unless your spouse is a U.S. citizen or Lawful Permanent Resident).

Additionally, you must have listed ALL of your living children who were unmarried and under 21 years old at the time you completed the application. This includes your natural children, your spouse’s children, or children you have formally adopted in accordance with the laws of your country.

**WARNING: Failure to have listed an existing spouse or children at the time of your entry in the Diversity Visa lottery will result in the denial of your visa and visas for your family.** Any fees paid to the U.S. government in support of your visa application(s) are nonrefundable. If you failed to include a child who had already been born, or a spouse to whom you were married when you entered the lottery, you should not proceed with the visa application. You can review the eligibility requirements [online](#).